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HEROES IN CRISIS

Crisis Counseling or Crisis Canceling?



DC's crises have frequently involved menaces on a universal—or multiversal—level... but the threat that confronts DC's heroes this fall is a threat from within.

Heroes in Crisis introduces readers to a hitherto-unknown facility: Sanctuary, a sort of crisis center designed to help DC's heroes deal with the stress of the violence that is a constant part of their world. Readers have already seen references to the existence of Sanctuary in such books as *Batman #43* (in which Poison Ivy is sent to Sanctuary to help her deal with the ramifications of "Everyone Loves Ivy") and *Deathstroke #32* (in which an all-but-suicidal Human Dynamo is sent to Sanctuary for help). But until now, they've never seen the inner workings of Sanctuary.

"The DCU has a bunch of superheroes, and all they do is fight, every time—that must have a psychological effect on them, right?" writer Tom King said. "You can't live a life of violence and not feel that violence deep in your heart. We also have a group of superheroes, the Trinity, who care about these other heroes." So the Trinity have set up this superhero crisis center to help members of their ranks deal with the trauma of their continual war against evil.

King is using his experience as a former counterterrorism operations officer with the CIA to guide him in the creation of Sanctuary, envisioning the facility as a superhero version of the veterans' crisis centers that exist in the real world. "I feel like I'm part of a rolling generation of people who spent their 20s overseas fighting terrorism," King said. "Millions of people cycle through that machine and come home to America. And I think that sort of experience of violence is shaping who we are as a culture, and as a country. And I want to talk about that. I want to talk about that experience, the experience of what violence can do to a person, to a community, to a nation, to a world."

But *Heroes in Crisis* isn't just the story of Sanctuary and how it works: It's also a murder mystery involving Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, Harley Quinn, Booster Gold, and the rest of the World's Greatest Super-Heroes. It turns out that many of Sanctuary's patients are winding up dead, and the evidence seems to indicate that the killer—or killers—comes from the ranks of Sanctuary's own. As DC put it, "*Heroes in Crisis* is also about what happens when

Sanctuary fails, resulting in catastrophic consequences for the DCU."

"If I could do anything to the DCU," King said, "it would be to bring a sense of community of superheroes and people. I feel a duty to talk about what violence does to a society through the comics I'm creating."

Heroes in Crisis #1, written by Tom King with art by Clay Mann & Tomeu Morey, is scheduled for September 26th release.

by Cliff Biggers

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Coming Comics— DC in September

How well does Clark Kent know his own city? Are the threats targeting Metropolis new or something older and more dangerous than they seem? With mobsters being killed off and the Daily Planet staff hunting for answers, it's up to Superman to discover what lurks in the underside of the city he thought he knew so well in *Action Comics* #1003 (by Brian Michael Bendis & Yanick Paquette).

What happens when teen villains the Gang get their hands on Gold Kryptonite? It's not good, as you'll see in *Adventures of the Super Sons* #2 (by Peter Tomasi, Carlo Barberi, & Art Thibert). The Gang has already robbed Superboy of his powers, and now they're ready to reveal their grand plan!

The squad slinks deeper into Atlantis on their mission to sink the risen undersea kingdom in *Suicide Squad* #46 (by Rob Williams & Jose Luis), the third chapter of "Sink Atlantis." Then it's time for the Suicide Squad, Aquaman, and Mera to face off, no holds barred, in *Aquaman* #40 (by Dan Abnett, Rob Williams, & Vicente Cifuentes), the "Sink Atlantis" finale.



You can't go home again. But that's just where Barbara Gordon, aka Batgirl, is forced to go in *Batgirl* #27 (by Mairghread Scott, Paul Pelletier, & Norm Rapmund) when the chip granting her mobility keeps shorting out in the aftermath of her clash with Grotesque.

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In *Batman* #54 (by Tom King & Matt Wagner), Dick Grayson—the original Robin—gets to spend some quality time fighting crime with his mentor for the first time since Batman popped the question to Catwoman. It's a walk down memory lane as Bruce Wayne helps Dick get over the loss of his high-flying acrobat parents, which in turn led to his crime-fighting career. Then the KGBest returns in *Batman* #55 (by Tom King & Tony S. Daniel).



The Joker is dead. There is no doubt about that. But whether Batman finally snapped his scrawny neck or some other sinister force in Gotham City did the deed is still a mystery. Problem is, Batman can't remember... and the more he digs into this labyrinthian case, the more his mind starts to doubt everything he's uncovering. So who better to set him straight than John Constantine? Problem with that is, as much as John loves a good mystery, he loves messing with people's heads even more. So with John's "help," the pair will delve into the sordid underbelly of Gotham as they race toward the mind-blowing truth of who mur-

dered the Joker in *Batman: Damned* #1 (by Brian Azzarello & Lee Bermejo), the prestige-format kickoff book for DC's new Black Label creator-driven imprint.

Bruce Wayne gets to creeping around with his old cohort Jack Ryder—aka the Creeper—to thwart the Scarecrow's attack on Neo-Gotham in *Batman Beyond* #24 (by Dan Jurgens & Will Conrad).

Scarecrow is loose in the streets of Gotham City, and Batman must drag him back to Arkham Asylum in *Batman: Kings of Fear* #2 (by Scott Peterson & Kelley Jones). To make matters worse, he's doused Batman with the strongest batch of fear gas in his arsenal, turning the city the Dark Knight Detective protects into his worst nightmare and enemy!

When a crack in the border between worlds releases an army of monsters from Mexican folklore, the residents of Devil's Fork, AZ, blame the ensuing weirdness—the shared nightmares, the otherworldly radio transmissions, the mysterious goat mutilations—on "God-dang illegals." With racial tensions supernaturally charged, it's up to



new kid in town Frank Dominguez and a motley crew of high school misfits to discover what's really going on in this town torn between worlds in *Border Town* #1 (by Eric M. Esquivel & Ramon Villalobos).

The secret shot-caller who's been borrowing Catwoman's MO for a series of crimes steps out of the shadows in Joëlle Jones' *Catwoman* #3, and her "secret origin" is unlike anything Selina's run into before!



Deep in the American intelligence community, someone realizes that comic book creators, who travel all over the world to sell their wares, might make the perfect cover for operatives in the dangerous, topsy-turvy world of intelligence and counterintelligence... and that's when all hell breaks loose. The world of comics and the world of international spywork are smashed together—with unexpected results—in *Cover* #1 (by Brian Michael Bendis & David Mack).

Joe and Annie find themselves under assault from a horde of possessed kids, all under the command of the mystical baddie Slackjaw—a possessed child himself—in *The Curse of Brimstone* #6 (by Justin Jordan &

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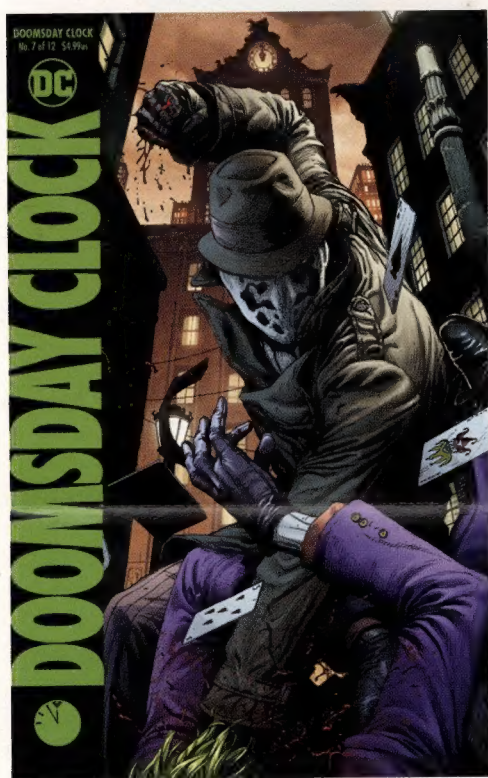
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Philip Tan). Unfortunately, Joe doesn't want to fight children, even if they're possessed by the devil...

In one corner: Deathstroke, suffering from a traumatic brain injury at the hands of Batman! In the other corner: Batman, with Deathstroke's knife in his gut! All of this with the feds invading Wayne Manor—and now they're in the catacombs under the mansion, which lead to the you-know-what-cave! If they're going to escape, Batman and Slade are going to have to work together in *Deathstroke* #35 (by Christopher Priest, Carlo Pagulayan, & Jason Paz).

It looks like the kind of murder case too ordinary to draw the attention of Batman... but once the World's Greatest Detective gets involved, the identity of the victim completely unravels in *Detective Comics* #988 (by James Robinson & Stephen Segovia)—and leads to a conspiracy among some of the Dark Knight's strangest foes!



The truth behind Dr Manhattan's curiosity with the DC Universe is revealed as the planet teeters on the edge of the Super-War in *Domsday Clock* #7 (by Geoff Johns & Gary Frank).

There is a place where stories are born. Today its walls lie slashed and bleeding. Dream has abandoned his realm, and until he is found, its residents must protect its broken borders alone. But the most senior storytellers are tormented by invasive secrets; the warden Lucien is doubting his own mind—and beyond the gates something horrific waits with tooth and talon. Only Dora, the monstress, finds opportunity in madness, stealing dreams for the highest bidder. But she has no idea how deep the danger lies. Meanwhile, in Dream's gallery, something new is growing in *The Dreaming* #1 (by Simon Spurrier & Bilquis Evely), the first ongoing title in the Sandman Universe imprint.

The Flash is now the strongest man alive, thanks to a jolt from one of the new forces! Turning his jacked-up sights to Trickster, the two duke it out inside Iron Heights in *The Flash* #54 (by Joshua Williamson & Christian Duce).

The Cyborg Superman, Hank Henshaw, found a way to override the Green Lanterns' Power Rings, and he's using that ability to gaslight Simon Baz in part five of the "Evil's



Might" in *Green Lanterns* #54 (by Dan Jurgens & Marco Santucci).

"Harley Saves the Universe!"—no kidding—in *Harley Quinn* #50 (by Sam Humphries, John Timms, and others). While reading a mysterious Harley Quinn comic book, HQ accidentally breaks all of reality. And you know the saying: If you break it, you bought it! Now it's up to Harley to travel through both time and space to fix all the continuity errors she created...

It's Hawkman vs Hall in the brawl for all of Thanagar in *Hawkman* #4 (by Robert Venditti, Bryan Hitch, & Andrew Currie). Having just teleported across the galaxy, Earthman Carter Hall squares off against Thanagarian space cop Katar Hol in an all-Hawkman slugfest.

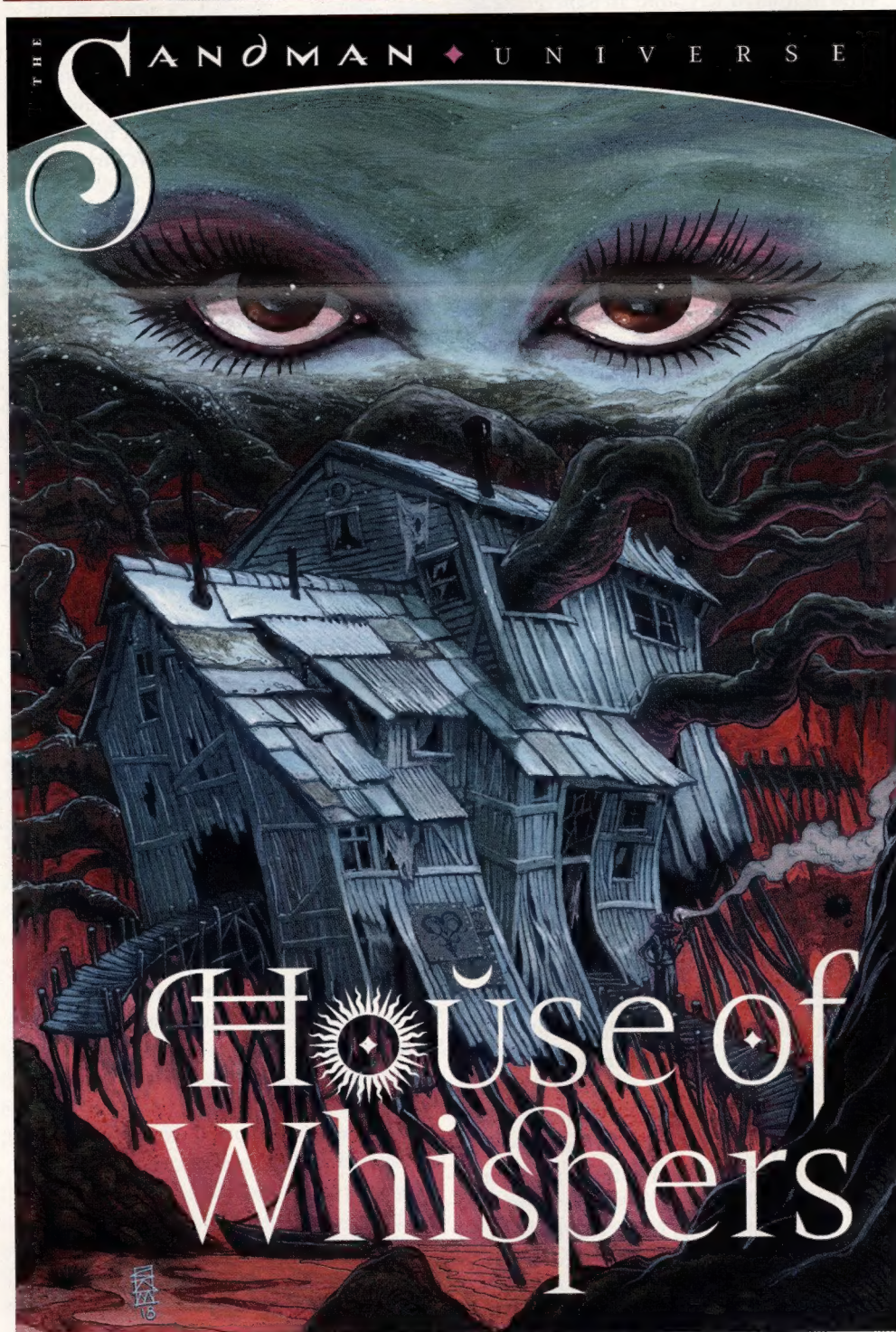
How does a superhero handle PTSD? Welcome to Sanctuary, an ultra-secret hospital for superheroes who've been traumatized by crime-fighting and cosmic combat. But something goes inexplicably wrong when many patients wind up dead, with two well-known operators as the prime suspects: Harley Quinn and Booster Gold! It's up to the DC Trinity of Superman, Wonder Woman, and Batman to investigate in

Heroes in Crisis #1 (by Tom King & Clay Mann)—but can they get the job done in the face of overwhelming opposition? (See the page one story in this issue of CSN for more information on this compelling new series.)

Welcome to the House of Dahomey, the houseboat of Erzulie Fréda, where the souls of Voodoo followers go when they sleep, to beseech the flirtatious and tragic goddess to grant them their hearts' desires and counsel them on their futures and fortunes. From her bayou, Erzulie scribes upon the mortal realm and sees four human girls open a mysterious and magical journal filled with whispers and rumors that, if they spread, could cause a pandemic unlike any the Earth has seen, with the power to release Sozona, the loa lord of infectious disease and cousin to Erzulie, who is currently banned from the human plane. But even the fearsome Erzulie cannot be of assistance when her dream river turns tumultuous, tossing her house from her realm and into another in *House of Whispers* #1 (by Nalo Hopkinson & Dominike "Domo" Stanton), the second ongoing title in the new Sandman Universe.

Batman recruited He-Man to join the battle against Superman's dictatorship, so why is Prince Adam battling him in the Oracle's lair? Find out in *Injustice vs the Masters of the Universe* #3 (by Tim Seeley & Freddie E. Williams II).

Hawkgirl takes wing against Legion of Doom leader Lex Luthor; John Stewart faces off with old foe Sinestro; the Flash must run down the Still Force-empowered Gorilla Grodd, and Wonder Woman tackles the tag team of Black Manta and Cheetah in *Justice League* #7 (by Scott Snyder, Jim Cheung, & Mark Morales). Then *Justice League* #8 (by James Tynion IV & Mikel Janin) focuses on Lex Luthor's Legion of Doom recruiting efforts—and this time around, he's targeting both Cheetah and Black Manta for membership! They might sign right up as soon as they find out Lex has *Metal's* Batman Who Laughs locked up in Doom HQ!



Wonder Woman! Swamp Thing! Zatanna! Man-Bat! Detective Chimp! (?) The JL Dark team may not be strong or deep enough to stop the omnipotent Upside-Down Man

from taking over our entire plane of existence in *Justice League Dark* #3 (by James Tynion IV, Alvaro Martinez, & Raul Fernandez).

It's bad enough when the very environment of space wants to kill you, but when Vril Dox shows up and attacks with an army of Brainiac robots, what chance does the Odyssey team have? Of course, Vril's just doing this to save the Coluan refugees aboard the ship, right? And can the team really trust that Darkseid—who's also aboard their ship—won't try to destroy the universe? Cyborg, Starfire, Green Lantern Jessica Cruz, and Azrael struggle to survive in *Justice League Odyssey* #3 (by Joshua Williamson & Stjepan Sejic).

After his epic battle with Darkseid, Scott Free sees life a whole new way: He's the new Highfather of New Genesis, and he's madly in love with his wife and child. But what if it's all a lie? We'll all find out in *Mister Miracle* #12 (by Tom King & Mitch Gerads).

The team returns to Challengers Mountain, only to find it completely obliterated, in *New Challengers* #5 (by Scott Snyder, Aaron Gillespie, V. Ken Marion, & Sandu Florea). And without the mountain to replenish their borrowed time, it looks like they're out of second chances.

The Silencer guest-stars in *Nightwing* #48 (by Benjamin Percy & Amanay Nahuelpan), as the two face off in a three-day motorcycle race hosted on a remote island and populated by the greatest riders on the planet.



Plastic Man, once a street thug, is turning over a new leaf, mentoring the youth, saving old ladies from pickpockets and younger ladies from kidnappers. So what happens when he meets the kidnappers and realizes this entire episode's nothing more than a setup? Find out in *Plastic Man* #4 (by Gail Simone & Adriana Melo).

The all-new Night Force debuts in *Raven: Daughter of Darkness* #8 (by Marv Wolfman & Pop Mhan).

Red Hood embarks on a bold, brutal new mission, with a new costume, new weapons, and a new plan to punish evildoers across the DCU in *Red Hood and the Outlaws* #26 (by Scott Lobdell & Pete Woods).



The Scooby Gang goes ape as they team up with Congorilla, Sam Semeon, and Detective Chimp in *Scooby-Doo Team-Up* #42 (by Sholly Fisch & Dario Brizuela).

Who murdered Krypton? In *Supergirl* #22 (by Marc Andreyko & Kevin Maguire), Supergirl and Krypto rocket into space, en route to the Green Lantern world of Mogo, where she hopes to find clues about Rogol Zaar and his connection to the destruction of Krypton. Instead, she finds whispers and cover-ups. What are the GLs hiding?

Locked inside the Phantom Zone, the Earth stands poisoned and its heroes lie dying, with no idea how to escape the deadly Kryptonian trap. But an even deadlier threat arises, as Rogol Zaar teams with those who have been imprisoned inside the Phantom Zone to use Earth to escape, not caring if they destroy the planet to do it, in *Superman* #3 (by Brian Michael Bendis, Ivan Reis, & Joe Prado). Does the Justice League have what it takes to stop them?

The Teen Titans must travel to Keystone City, where Golden Glider and Swerve plan to pull a heist at a children's hospital in *Teen Titans* #22 (by Adam Glass & Bernard Chang). (That's a new low, even for some Rogues!)

The team gets split up in *The Terrifics* #8 (by Jeff Lemire & Dale Eaglesham) while trying to escape this devious trap set for them by a mysterious enemy known as Doc Dread, and they wind up in a bunch of weird dimensions trippier than a spin on the Yellow Submarine!

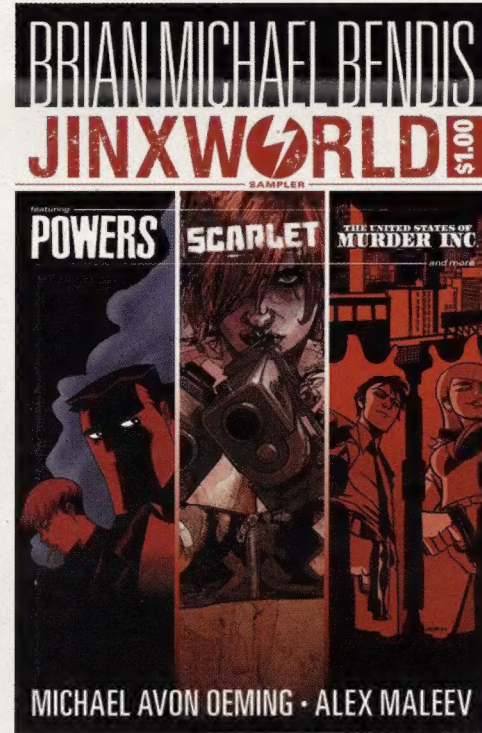
The Titans split into three separate squads to combat the growing Source Wall Event threat in *Titans* #25 (by Dan Abnett, Brandon Peterson, and others). As Raven, Steel, and Beast Boy contain an alien-robot outbreak, Donna Troy tracks down the Blood Cult, who claim to have knowledge of why the Source Wall cracked.

The Unexpected race to save Gotham City from exposure to the toxic Nth metal—and you don't come to Gotham without meeting the Bat-Family! But who else besides Batman knows enough about the Dark Multiverse and the poisonous Nth metal to be of help? Enter the Huntress in *The Unexpected* #4 (by Steve Orlando & Yanick Paquette).

Years ago, the five families of organized crime had such a stranglehold over the American public that the US government found itself forced to give up part of the country or lose all of it. Now the unrest between America and the families has come to a boil. A war is about to come—a war no one is ready for. Newly made man Valentine Gallo and mob hitwoman Jagger Rose find themselves torn over which side of the war they want to be on in *United States of Murder Inc* #1 (by Brian Michael Bendis & Michael Avon Oeming).

Diana's model UN project goes up in flames when she tries to intervene and stop the exiled Bana-Mighdall Amazons from invading the nation of Qurac under false pretenses in *Wonder Woman* #54 (by Steve Orlando & Raul Allen).

For years, Diana of Paradise Island yearned to leave behind the only home she knew for adventures that laid beyond its shores. Now, after a fateful meeting with Air Force pilot Steve Trevor, the Amazon Warrior finds herself in Man's World. And she is ready for anything that it may throw at her. But is the world ready for Wonder Woman? An American government, fraught with dissension and conflicts foreign to Diana, has deemed her a danger to society. How will Wonder Woman carry out her mission of peace and love in a world that can't get out of its own way? Find out in *Wonder Woman Earth One Volume 2* HC (by Grant Morrison & Yanick Paquette).



Brian Michael Bendis' Jinxworld line of titles is coming to DC, and to introduce this thrilling world, DC offers *Jinxworld* #1, a promotionally priced sampler that reprints *Scarlet* #1, *Powers* #1, and *The United States of Murder Inc* #1, along with a brand-new story by Brian Michael Bendis & Michael Avon Oeming.

DC collected editions (advance solicited for October and November release) include: • *Absolute Daytripper* HC, an oversized edition of the compelling 10-issue series by Gabriel Ba & Fabio Moon.

• *Batgirl Volume 4: Strange Loop* TP, collecting *Batgirl* #s 18–24 and more.

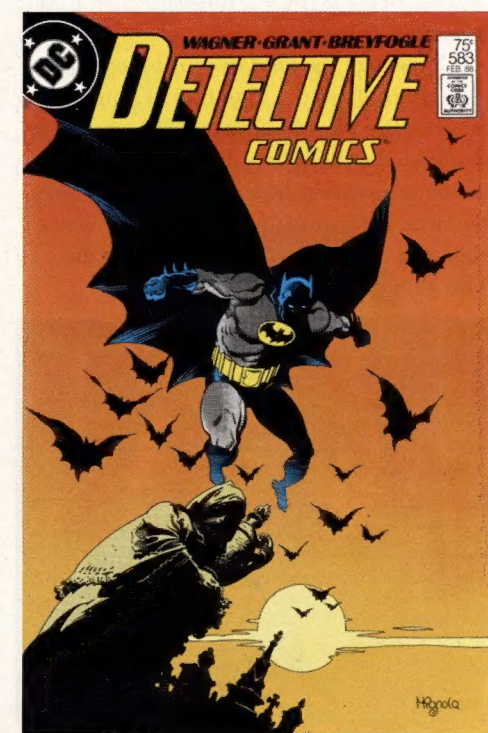
• *Batman Volume 7: The Wedding* TP, collect-

ing *Batman* #s 45–50 and more.

• *Batman: Detective Comics—The Rebirth Deluxe Edition Book Three* HC, collecting *Detective* #s 963–973 & *Annual* #1.

• *Batman: Haunted Knight* TP, collecting *Batman: Legends of the Dark Knight Halloween Special* #1, *Batman: Madness* #1, and *Batman: Ghosts* #1.

• *Batman: KnightQuest—The Crusade Volume 2* TP, collecting *Detective Comics* #s 671–675, *Batman: Shadow of the Bat* #s 24–28, *Batman* #s 505–508, and *Showcase* '94 #7.



• *Batman: The Dark Knight Detective Volume 2* TP, collecting *Detective Comics* #s 583–591 & *Annual* #1.

• *Batman: The Dark Prince Charming* HC, collecting both volumes of the Enrico Marini series in one book.

• *Batman: White Knight* TP, collecting Sean Murphy's eight-issue series under the new DC Black Label imprint.

• *Black Lightning: Cold Dead Hands* TP, collecting the six-issue series.

• *Bombshells United Volume 2: War Bonds* TP, collecting *Bombshells United* #s 7–12.

• *Deathbed* TP, collecting *Deathbed* #s 1–6.

• *Deathstroke Volume 5: The Fall of Slade* TP, collecting *Deathstroke* #s 26–29 & *Annual* #1.

• *The Demon: Hell Is Earth* TP, collecting the six-issue series.

• *The Flash by Mark Waid Book Five* TP, collecting *The Flash* #s 106–118 & *Impulse* #s 10–11.

• *The Flash Silver Age Omnibus Volume 1* HC, reprinting *Showcase* #s 4, 8, 13, & 14 and *The Flash* #s 105–132, with a new cover by Nick Derington.

• *The Flash: Starting Line DC Essential Edition* TP, collecting *The Flash* #s 0–12 & *Annual* #1.

• *Green Arrow: The Rebirth Deluxe Edition Book One* HC, collecting *Green Arrow* #s 1–11 & *Green Arrow: Rebirth* #1.

• *Green Lanterns Volume 7: Superhuman Trafficking* TP, collecting *Green Lanterns* #s 40–43 & *Annual* #1.

• *John Constantine: Hellblazer 30th Anniversary Edition* HC, collecting *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #37 and *Hellblazer* #s 11, 27, 41, 63, 120, 146, 229, & 240, plus a new intro-

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duction by *Sting* and the first-ever complete timeline of John Constantine's life up through his long-running Vertigo series.

- **He-Man and the Masters of the Universe Omnibus HC**, collecting *DC Comics Presents* #47, *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe* #s 1-6 (2012), *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe* #s 1-19 (2013), *He-Man: The Eternity War* #s 1-15, *DC Universe vs Masters of the Universe* #1-6, *He-Man/Thundercats* #1-6, and more.
- **Justice League: The Darkseid War DC Essential Edition TP**, collecting *Justice League* #s 40-50 and more.
- **Justice League: The Rebirth Deluxe Edition Book Three HC**, collecting *Justice League* #s 26-33.
- **The Man of Steel by Brian Michael Bendis HC**, collecting *The Man of Steel* #s 1-6 and more.
- **Powers Book One TP**, collecting *Powers* #s 1-11.
- **Raven: Daughter of Darkness Volume 1 TP**, collecting *Raven* #s 1-6.
- **Red Hood and the Outlaws Volume 4: Good Night Gotham TP**, collecting *Red Hood and the Outlaws* #s 19-25.
- **The Sandman Volume 1: Preludes and Nocturnes 30th Anniversary Edition TP**, reprinting *Sandman* #s 1-8 with new cover art by Dave McKean, plus new introductions. This is the kickoff volume in a new series of Sandman reissues.
- **The Sandman Omnibus Volume 3 HC**, collecting *The Sandman: Overture* #s 1-6, *The Sandman: The Dream Hunters GN*, *The Sandman: The Dream Hunters* #s 1-4, *The Sandman: Endless Nights*, *Sandman Midnight Theatre* #1, *Death: The High Cost of Living* #s 1-3, *Death: The Time of Your Life* #s 1-3, and much more.
- **Scarlet Book One TP**, collecting the original *Scarlet* #s 1-5.
- **Shazam: The Monster Society of Evil Deluxe Edition HC**, collecting the entire 24-chapter serial from the Golden Age *Captain Marvel Adventures* #s 22-46, with new essays by Fawcett Comics expert PC Hamerlinck and film producer and comics historian Michael Uslan.
- **Sideways Volume 1: Steppin' Out TP**, collecting *Sideways* #s 1-6.



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- **Suicide Squad Volume 7: Drain the Swamp TP**, collecting *Suicide Squad* #s 33-40.
- **Suicide Squad Unwrapped by Jim Lee HC**, featuring *Suicide Squad* #s 1-8 & *April Fool's Special* #1, all reproduced from Jim Lee's pencil art.
- **Super Sons Omnibus HC**, collecting *Super Sons* #s 1-16 & *Annual* #1, *Superman* #s 10-11 & 37-38, *Teen Titans* #15, *Super Sons/Dynomutt Special*, and more.
- **Supergirl Volume 4: Plain Sight TP**, collecting *Supergirl* #s 15-20.
- **Swamp Thing: The Bronze Age Volume 1 TP**, collecting *House of Secrets* #92 and *Swamp Thing* #s 1-13.
- **Teen Titans Volume 3: The Return of Kid Flash TP**, collecting *Teen Titans* #s 13-14 & 16-19, and more.
- **The Terrifics Volume 1: Meet the Terrifics TP**, collecting *The Terrifics* #s 1-6.

Coming in February 2019 from DC Collectibles

- **Harley Quinn Pink, White, & Black: Valentine's Variant Statue**, based on Stanley "Artgerm" Lau's cover for *Harley Quinn* #1 Rebirth variant.
- **Harley Quinn Red, White, & Black Harley Quinn by Mingjue Helen Chen Statue**, featuring Harley decked out in athletic gear, dressed and ready for batting practice and—should he show up—Batman.
- **DC Bombshells: Harley Quinn Sepia Tone Variant Statue**, based on Ant Lucia's image inspired by vintage pinup art.
- **DC Designer Series Nightwing & Batgirl by Ryan Sook Statue**, designed to stand upright or be mounted on a wall so the characters can hang inverted in their embrace.

Coming Comics—IDW in September

Batman must face the strangest and most bizarre adventure of his career, as he meets comics' strangest and most bizarre hero in Sam Kieth's *Batman/The Maxx* #1. A devious new doctor at Arkham Asylum is conducting unconventional experiments into the human psyche, and he kicks off a chain reaction of disaster when he experiments on Arkham's newest patient, The Maxx!

Beauty of Horror: Ghosts of Christmas Coloring Book is intricately illustrated by best-selling artist Alan Robert and is overflowing with limb-filled stockings, zombified elves, burning gingerbread houses, and decaying reindeer.

Join Hiro, Wasabi, Fred, Go Go, Honey Lemon, and Baymax for new adventures, new friends, and new adversaries as the Big Hero 6 team continues the fight to protect San Fransokyo in *Big Hero 6: The Series—Technology vs Magic* (by Hannah Blumenreich & Nicoletta Baldari). This young reader-



friendly book is perfect for newcomers or fans of the series!

The most iconic comic-strip hero of all time returns to comics in *Dick Tracy: Dead or Alive* #1 (by Lee Allred, Michael Allred, & Rich Tommaso). The all-American detective just made the biggest collar of his career, and it only cost him his job! But now the honest cop has packed his bags for "the city by the lake," and its criminals better watch out in this new series reimagined for the 21st century.

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories undergoes a name change and relaunches with an all-new *Disney Comics and Stories* #1! What better way to start things off than to present two tales featuring two iconic characters: Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck?

Tsum Tsums are the loveable, stackable plush toys that are beloved by adults and children alike, but did you know that when people are away, the Tsum Tsums play? Follow along with their silly adventures in *Disney's Tsum Tsum Kingdom* (by Thom Zahler, Jeremy Lambert, Philip Murphy, & Nico Pena).

Five unsolved murders. Two of the greatest creators

in the history of comics. One

sprawling conspiracy, one metropolis on the brink of the 20th century, and one bloody-minded Ripper ushering London into the modern age of terror. And it's all in color, courtesy of illustrator Eddie Campbell, in *From Hell Master Edition* #1, featuring the Alan Moore-written series as you've never seen it before.

Arkon the Giantkiller is fated to protect Auoro, the One True Chosen, so that she may destroy the evil Lord Omin. She just has to survive long enough to do it in *Giantkillers*, an oversized prestige-format book by Bart Sears, Rick Leonardi, Matthew Dow Smith, & Meghan Hetrick.

Larry Hama brings us the newest chapter in breakout character Dawn Moreno's GI Joe journey in *GI Joe: A Real American Hero—Silent Option* #1—and her first (un)official mission as a Joe may very well be her last!

Join 17-year-old Number Horowitz as she and her team board a cosmic train called the Non-Local Express, riding across the quantum sea and into the Infinite Spiral that leads to other worlds, new dimensions, and parallel universes through time itself in *Impossible Inc* #1 (by JM DeMatteis & Mike Cavallaro).

James Cameron's The Abyss Artisan Edition Adapted by Michael William Kaluta HC features the same ultra-high detail art reproduction as an *Artist's Edition*, just at a smaller (and more manageable!) size. Nearly every page has been scanned from MW Kaluta's incredible original art in full color in order to capture all the nuances that make original art special and unique—blue pencil notations, tape, white-out, and more.

Magica De Spell's altogether spooky family is back in Duckburg for the 48-page *Magica De Spell Giant Halloween Hex*.

At the edge of Klingon space, the Starship Enterprise finds there's more to the final frontier than meets the eye, when Kirk and his crew come face to face with the strangest life forms of all in *Star Trek vs Transformers* #1 (by John Barber, Mike Johnson, & Philip Murphy). This unprecedented crossover brings together two of the greatest science fiction universes of all time—in the style of their classic animated series!

What new adventures await Rapunzel and her friends? Find out in *Tangled: Hair-Raising Adventures* #1 (by Katie Cook, Eduard Petrovich, Rosa La Barbera, & Diego Saito).



TMNT returns to its roots with new spotlights on individual Turtles, beginning with *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Macro-Series: Donatello* (by Paul Allor & Brahm Revel)! Donatello understands that more is at stake than his brothers realize. In order to prepare for the coming conflict, Don will aim to repair his relationship with his mentor Harold... and his malicious robotic counterpart, Metalhead!

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Rise of the TMNT #1 (by Matthew K. Manning & Chad Thomas) spins out of the highly anticipated *Rise of the TMNT* animated series. The Turtles are hitting the sewers with brand-new weapons, brand-new enemies, and a brand-new vision!

Travel back in time to find out how Uncle Scrooge made his first, second, third, and fourth millions in **Uncle Scrooge: My First Millions #1** (by Fausto Vitaliano & Marco Mazzarello), part one of a four-issue miniseries that answers all your burning questions about how Scrooge McDuck got so very, very rich!

IDW collected editions include:

- **Batman: The Complete Silver Age Newspaper Comics Slipcase Set**, a boxed set of all three volumes of the 1960s newspaper strip by Whitney Ellsworth, Carmine Infantino, Al Plastino, and others.
- **Bubba Ho-Tep and the Cosmic Bloodsuckers TP**, collecting the four-issue miniseries.
- **Complete Little Orphan Annie Volume 15 HC**, collecting Harold Gray's strip from 3/13/50 to 10/28/51.
- **The Crow: Memento Mori TP**, collecting the four-part miniseries.

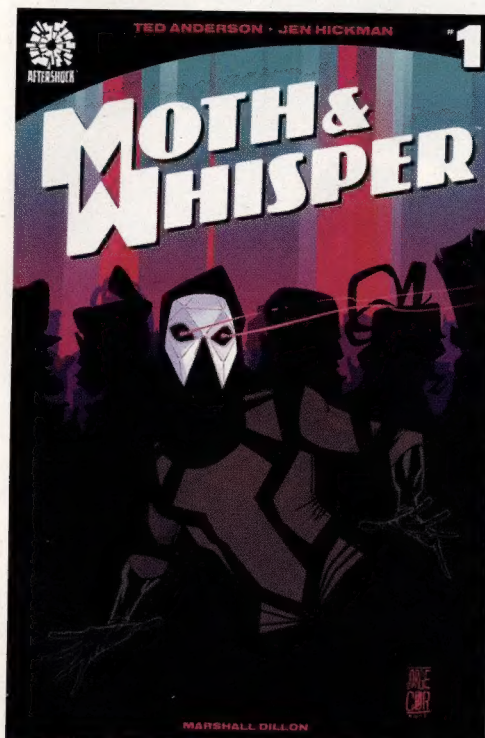
WALT DISNEY SHOWCASE



- **Donald and Mickey: The Walt Disney Showcase Collection TP**, collecting the six-issue series.
- **King of the Comics: 100 Years of King Features Syndicate TP**, a softcover edition of the award-winning history of King Features.
- **LOAC Essentials Volume 12: Baron Bean 1918**, featuring a year's worth of the strip by George Herriman.
- **MASK: Mobile Armored Strike Kommand—Riding VENOM's Trail TP**, collecting MASK: Revolution and MASK #s 1–10 & 2017 Annual.
- **Punks Not Dead Volume 1: Teenage Kicks TP**, collecting Punks Not Dead #s 1–6.
- **Rick Veitch's The One HC**, collecting the classic revisionist superhero saga.
- **Star Trek: The Next Generation—Through the Mirror TP**, collecting the four-issue miniseries.
- **Star Wars Adventures Volume 4: Smuggler's Blues TP**, collecting Star Wars Adventures #s 10 & 11 plus the FCB 2018 issue.
- **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Volume 20:**

Kingdom of Rats TP, collecting TMNT #s 81–85.

- **Transformers: Bumblebee Movie Prequel—From Cybertron with Love**, collecting the four-issue miniseries.
- **Wraith TP**, collecting Joe Hill's prequel to his bestselling novel NOS4A2.



Coming Comics—AfterShock in September

Everyone knows that the two greatest thieves in the city are the Moth and the Whisper. Very few know that the Moth and the Whisper disappeared six months ago. And what nobody knows is that the new Moth and Whisper are actually one person pretending to be both of them. One supremely skilled but uncertain young gender-fluid thief: Niki, the child of the Moth and the Whisper. Meet Niki in **Moth and Whisper #1** (by Ted Anderson & Jen Hickman).

Once an equal partner in a criminal syndicate that rules Las Vegas, Renny now finds himself living in a shack in the desert. But the shack has a workshop, and Renny's been busy. It's time to march his robot army into



the neon hell of a cyberpunk Vegas and retake his seat at the table in **Patience! Conviction! Revenge! #1** (by Patrick Kindlon & Marco Ferrari).

AfterShock collected editions include:

- **Cold War Volume 1 TP**, collecting Cold War #s 1–5.
- **Monstro Mechanica Volume 1 TP**, collecting Monstro Mechanica #s 1–5.

Coming Comics—Image in September

Rufus, the biggest bully in Rottenville since kindergarten, suddenly goes from bully to bullied on the first day of high school. He's forced to make a shaky pact with his favorite geeks: Spencer and his twin sibling besties, Edith and Ernie. Together they'll have to find a way to survive a Hunger Games–like contest in **Bully Wars #1** (by Skottie Young & Aaron Conley).

To save their friends and families, a group of high school teenagers must fight off an attack on their town by a secret alien invasion in **Burnouts #1** (by Dennis Culver & Geoffo). There's only one catch: They can see the aliens only if they're completely wasted.

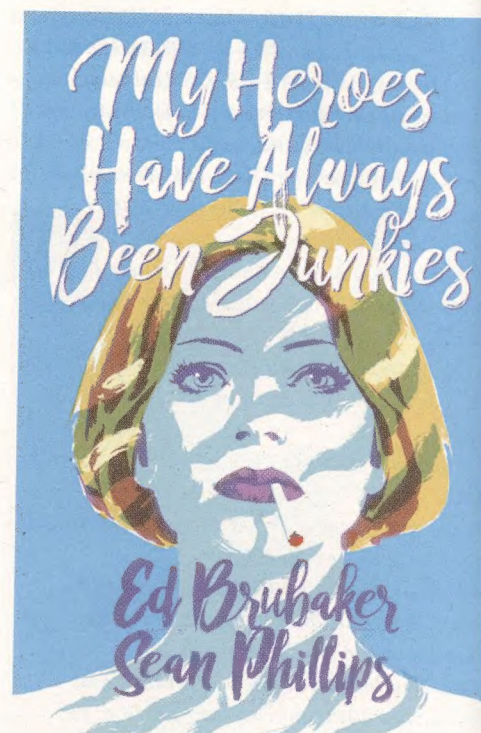


A professional pathfinder, his only ally a disaffected young murderess, breaks out of a torture cell in pursuit of his worst extraction scenario ever in **Cemetery Beach #1** (by Warren Ellis & Jason Howard). His only hope: escaping on foot across a sprawling and secret off-world colony established a hundred years ago and filled with generations of lunatics.

In a mythical Russia, a mysterious young boy is raised by an order of peaceful monks. As he grows to manhood, bizarre dreams and the call of destiny lead him to discover a powerful, mystical weapon and to face a terrible, violent choice in **Brandon Dayton's Green Monk: Blood of the Martyrs OGN**.

A mutation in Toxoplasmosis causes menstruating women to turn into ferocious killer wildcats—easily provoked and extremely dangerous—in **Man-Eaters #1** (by Chelsea Cain & Kate Niemczyk). As panic spreads and paranoia takes root, the fate of the world rides on the shoulders of one 12-year-old girl...

Meet Pamela Evans. Much more than a typical Manhattan cab driver, she also happens to be a badass monster-fighter who wields an enchanted tire iron. Welcome to the year of her greatest adventure in **MCM-LXXV #1** (by Joe Casey & Ian MacEwan).



Teenage Ellie has always had romantic ideas about drug addicts. The tragic, artistic souls drawn to needles and pills have been an obsession since the death of her junkie mother 10 years ago. But when Ellie lands in an upscale rehab clinic where nothing is what it appears to be, she'll find another, more dangerous romance—and find out how easily drugs and murder go hand-in-hand—in **My Heroes Have Always Been Junkies OGN HC** (by Ed Brubaker & Sean Phillips), a seductive coming-of-age story and a pop and drug culture–fueled tale of a young girl seeking darkness—and what she finds there.

The Wicked + The Divine 1373 (by Kieron Gillen & Ryan Kelly), the final historical special, plunges into the shadow of life after the Black Death.

Image collected editions include:

- **Analog Volume 1 TP**, collecting Analog #s 1–5.
- **Cyber Force: Awakening Volume 1 TP**, collecting Cyber Force #s 1–4.
- **The Dead Hand Volume 1: Cold War Relics TP**, collecting Dead Hand #s 1–6.
- **Deadly Class Deluxe Edition Book Two: The Funeral Party HC**, collecting Deadly Class #s 17–31.
- **Descender Volume 6: The Machine War TP**, collecting Descender #s 27–32.
- **Eternal Empire Volume 2 TP**, collecting Eternal Empire #s 6–10.
- **The Fix Volume 3 TP**, collecting The Fix #s 9–12.
- **Gideon Falls #1 Director's Cut**, reprinting the first issue in black and white, along with the full first issue script.
- **The Hchom Book TP**, collecting Marian Churchland's illustrations and essays from her long-running blog.
- **Infidel TP**, collecting Infidel #s 1–5.
- **Isola Volume 1 TP**, collecting Isola #s 1–5.
- **Kick-Ass: The New Girl Volume 1 TP**, collecting Kick-Ass: The New Girl #s 1–6.

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- *Me the People HC*, collecting 112 pages of Pia Guerra's most recent editorial cartoons.
- *Medieval Spawn/Witchblade Volume 1 TP*, collecting the four-issue series.
- *Monstress Volume 3 TP*, collecting *Monstress* #s 13–18.



- *Moonshine Volume 2: Misery Train TP*, collecting *Moonshine* #s 7–12.
- *Oblivion Song by Kirkman & De Felici Volume 1 TP*, collecting *Oblivion* #s 1–6.
- *Port of Earth Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Port of Earth* #s 5–8.
- *Saga Volume 9 TP*, collecting *Saga* #s 49–54.
- *Skyward Volume 1: My Low-G Life TP*, collecting *Skyward* #s 1–5.
- *The Walking Dead Volume 30: New World Order TP*, collecting *Walking Dead* #s 175–180.
- *Wanted TP*, the grim supervillain series by Warren Ellis & JG Jones, back in print after too long an absence.

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in September

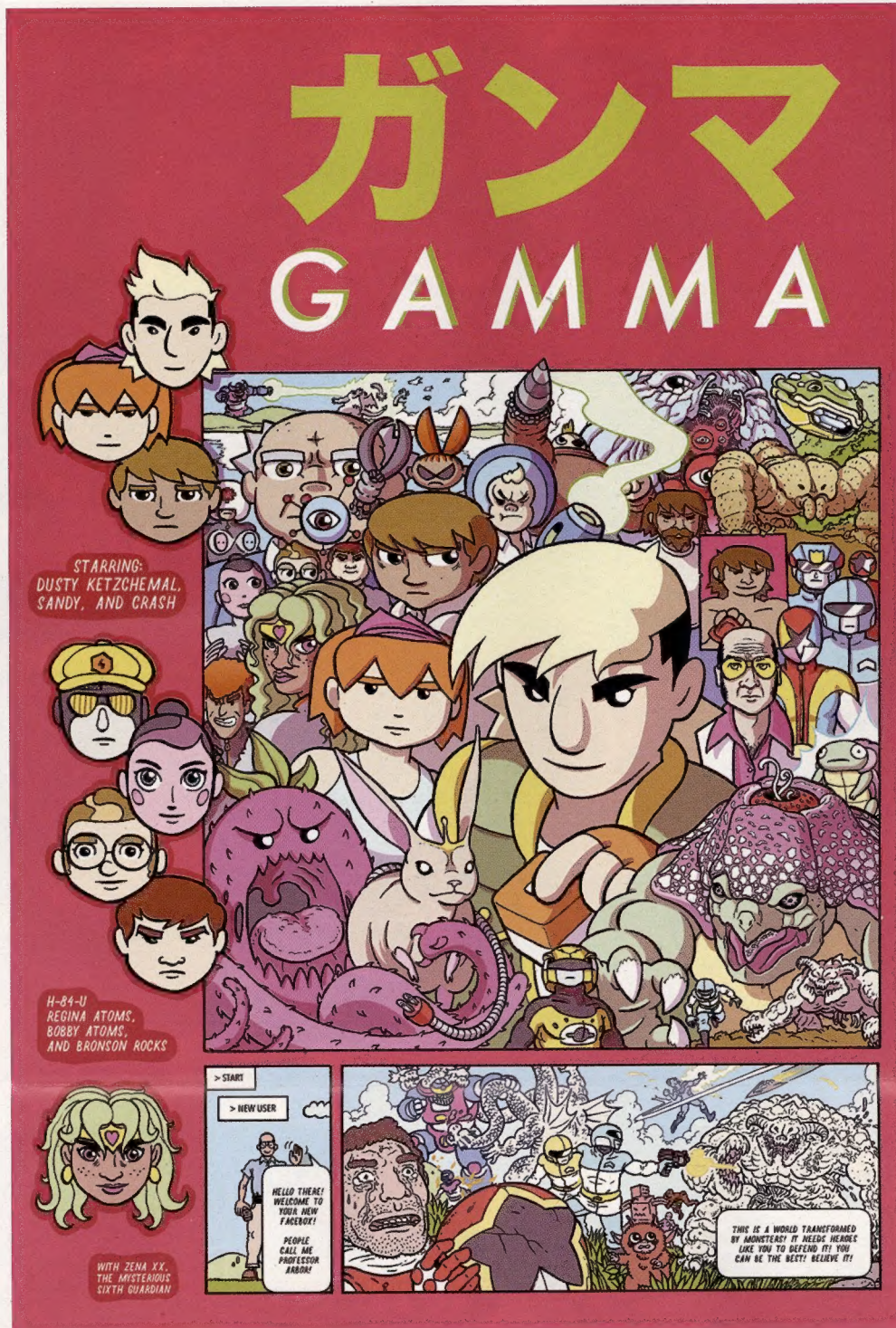
Buffy, Fray, the Scoobies, and the Slayers are in an epic battle against Harth and his army of baddies in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer Season 12: The Reckoning #4* (by Christos Gage, Joss Whedon, Georges Jeanty, & Karl Story).

The year is 1910; the place is Morocco, and there is a job that needs doing. The man to do it? A commanding officer in the French Foreign Legion. The prize? An artifact of unspeakable power. The price? More than he bargained for, as you'll see in *Call of Duty: Zombies 2 #1* (by Justin Jordan, Andres Ponce, & Mauro Vargas).

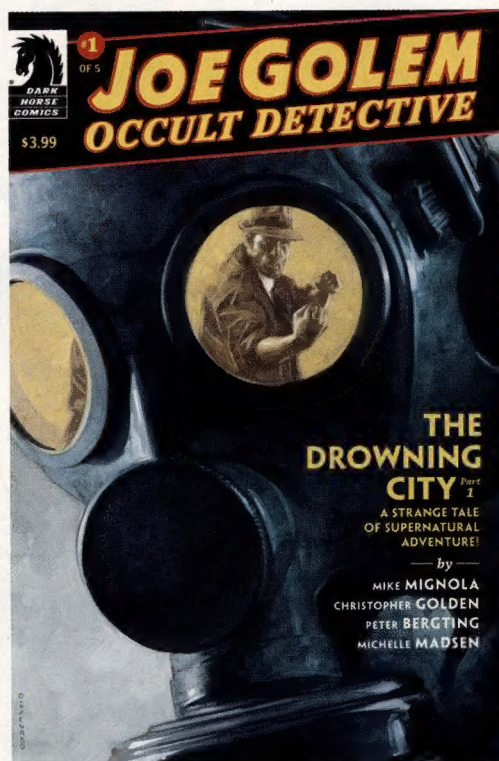
Dark Horse presents Disney-fied adaptations of well-known classics in *Disney's Moby Dick Starring Donald Duck TP* and *Disney's Treasure Island Starring Mickey Mouse TP*.

Pokémon meets Power Rangers in *Gamma #1* (by Ulises Farinas, Erick Freitas, & Melody Often), a kaiju-packed mature parody that follows a monster trainer whose dreams of fortune and glory collide with his own hubris and the downfall of the entire planet in a story about betrayal and redemption in a world of bizarre, cute, and deadly monsters.

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A psychic medium is captured by a crazed scientist desperate to find an occult object that will connect him to worlds



beyond the veil, and paranormal investigator Simon Church and his hardy detective race to find the artifact with the help of the medium's assistant before its supernatural side effects can destroy the city in *Joe Golem: The Drowning City #1* (by Mike Mignola, Chris Golden, & Peter Bergting).

The riffing hilarity of *Mystery Science Theater 3000* comes to comics in *Mystery Science Theater 3000 #1* (by Joel Hodgson, Harld Buchholz, Matt McGinniss, Mary Robinson, Seth Robinson, Sharyl Volpe, Todd Nauck, & Mike Manly) as Jonah Heston, Crow T. Robot, and Tom Servo find themselves thrust into the 2-D world of public domain comics, with riffing as their only defense!

To save a boy she barely knows, teenage orphan Olivia Twist joins the Esthers, a rag-tag girl gang of thieves running free in a dangerous future in *Olivia Twist #1* (by Darin Strauss, Adam Dalva, & Emma Vieceli).

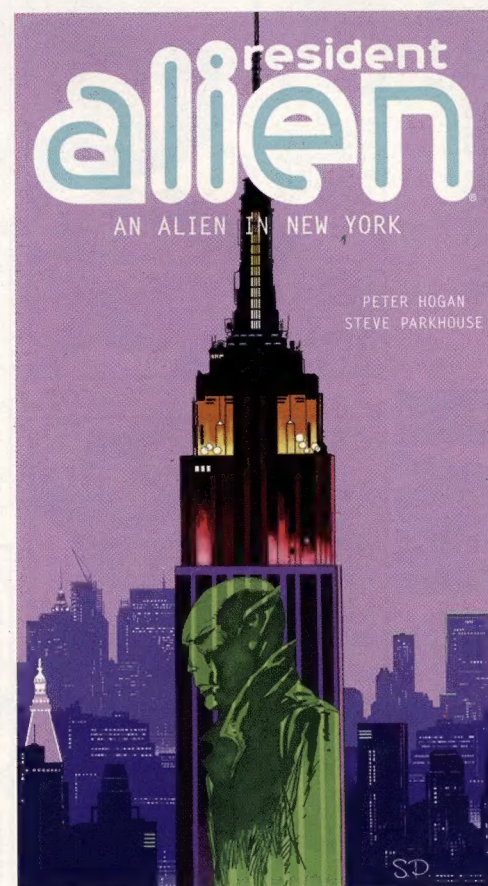
Follow Will Byers into a dimension of decay and destruction where he must use his wits and resolve to dodge the pursuit of the Demogorgon and escape the Upside Down in *Stranger Things #1* (by Jody Houser, Stefano Martino, & Kieth Champagne).

Oursonette, a fictional Nazi-fighting

superheroine, is created at the peak of World War II by comic book creator Al Zurakowski, who dreams of making it big in the early world of comics publishing. *War Bears #1* (by Margaret Atwood & Ken Steacy) follows the early days of comics in Toronto, a brutal war that greatly strains Al personally and professionally, and the rise of post-war American comics' putting an end to his dreams.

Dark Horse collected editions (advance solicited for October and November release) include:

- *Aliens: Dust to Dust TP*, collecting *Aliens: Dust to Dust* #s 1–4.
- *Blade of the Immortal Omnibus Volume 7 TP*, collecting *Blade of the Immortal* Vols 20–22.
- *Buffy Season 10 Library Edition Volume 3 HC*, collecting *Season 10* Vols 5 & 6 and more.
- *The Colossal King Conan HC*, collecting the *King Conan* run by Tim Truman & Tomas Giorello.
- *The Complete ElfQuest Volume 5 TP*, collecting *ElfQuest: The Hidden Years* #s 16–29 and more.
- *Conan Omnibus Volume 7: Witchcraft and Warfare TP*, collecting *Conan the Avenger* #s 7–25.
- *Creepy Archives Volume 27 HC*, collecting *Creepy* #s 128–133.
- *Gigantic Library Edition HC*, collecting the five-issue series.
- *Halo Omnibus Volume 1 TP*, collecting *Halo: Initiation* #s 1–3 and *Halo: Escalation* #s 1–12.
- *Mata Hari HC*, collecting *Mata Hari* #s 1–5.
- *The Once and Future Tarzan TP*, collecting the story from *Dark Horse Presents* with over 40 pages of new material.
- *Resident Alien Volume 5: An Alien in New York TP*, collecting the four-issue series.



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